

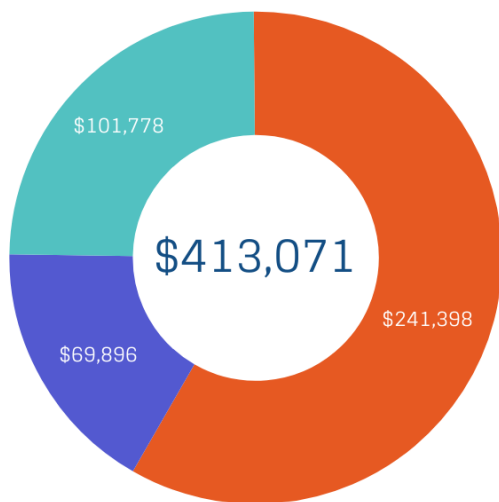
2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative HOLYOKE / CHICOPEE

Funded Partners

CareerPoint, Chicopee Boys & Girls Club, Chicopee Police Department, Hampden County Sheriff's Department, Holyoke Boys & Girls Club, Holyoke Community College, Holyoke Police Department, Holyoke Public Schools, NEARI

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Funding Allocation



1,127 Total Youth Served

63%
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

29%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

8%
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



953

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

171

Engaged in Volunteer Work or Community Service

930

Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

804

Developed Healthy Relationships with Peers

Education & Employment



563

Participated in Education Programs

88

Pursued College or Post-Secondary Training

Suppression



60

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

16

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

Community Mobilization



3,306

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

68

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

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Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Holyoke	Chicopee
Total Population (2016 Estimate)	6,811,779	40,280	55,991
Population Lives in Poverty	11.4%	28.6%	14.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	5.9%	5.0%
Total School Population (2016-2017)	953,748	5,344	7,683
Economically Disadvantaged	30.2%	75.0%	51.6%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	5.7%	2.8%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Holyoke

9
Street Gangs

115
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2017, the Holyoke Police Department (HPD) identified 9 gangs comprising 587 members, of which less than one fifth (18%) were under the age of 25. Recruitment of youth into gangs increased and occurred in schools, through peer relationships, and via social media. HPD estimates that gangs were responsible for 75% of violent crimes, including shootings, stabbings, armed robberies, and assaults. Additionally, gangs were responsible for about 90% of drug trade, specifically cocaine and heroin, leading to inter-gang conflict, turf battles, and violent crime.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017

